

Open Menorca ATP Challenger 100: Singles Quarter-Finals Set and Doubles Down to the Final Four

- *Sebastian Ofner, Carlos Taberner and Zsombor Piros shine in a gripping day of singles action*
- *High-voltage doubles battles see the Vavassori brothers and Rincón/Roca Batalla through to the semis*
- *The first two singles quarter-finals stream live from 10:00 a.m. on ATP Challenger TV, Eurosport Max, Marca TV and Tennis Channel*

Ciudadella, 3 April 2025 – A pivotal day of tennis unfolded at the **Club Tennis Ciudadella**, as the **Open Menorca ATP Challenger 100** delivered the singles Round of 16 and the doubles quarter-finals.

Under the Menorcan sun—and with swirling winds occasionally testing players' precision—the tournament moved into its critical phase with standout performances, surprise results and a level of competition that continues to impress.

Singles: seeds survive and a qualifier makes waves

On centre court, **Sebastian Ofner** [2] showcased his authority with a commanding 1-6, 6(0)-7 win over Spain's **Javier Barranco Cosano**. Although Barranco raised his game in the second set, pushing Ofner to a tie-break, the Austrian held his nerve to seal the deal.

In an all-Spanish clash, **Carlos Taberner** [5] had to dig deep to overcome **Daniel Mérida** [Q], who had stunned the crowd by taking the opening set 6-3. **Taberner's** experience told in the end, as he battled back for a 3-6, 7-5, 6-0 victory—perhaps helped by **Mérida** lacking a coach courtside at crucial moments.

Albert Ramos-Viñolas, a former top-50 player, was clearly outpaced by an inspired **Pol Martín Tiffon**, who dominated from start to finish with a straight-sets win (1-6, 4-6), leaving no room for a comeback.

Peru's **Ignacio Buse**, fresh off his win over **Marin Cilic**, continued his remarkable run by overpowering **Daniel Rincón** 6-0, 6-1. The young South American is quickly establishing himself as one of the tournament's breakout stars.

One of the day's headline matches saw Britain's **Jan Choinski** [6] take on Hungary's **Zsombor Piros** [Q]. In a tight contest, it was the qualifier who came out on top with a double 6-4, becoming the last remaining player from the qualifying draw still in the tournament.

Austria's **Lukas Neumayer** also booked his place in the last eight after coming back to defeat wildcard **Pedro Cachín** 7-6(2), 6-0.

Vilius Gaubas [7] of Lithuania looked solid in a 7-5, 6-3 win over **Arthur Gea**, while **Elmer Moller** [4][SE] of Denmark saw off **Benjamin Hassan** with a dominant second set to close out a 7-6(7), 6-0 triumph.

Quarter-final line-up confirmed

The singles quarter-final matches on Friday are as follows:

- **Zsombor Piros [Q] (HUN) vs Ignacio Buse (PER)**
- **Vilius Gaubas [7] (LTU) vs Sebastian Ofner [2] (AUT)**
- **Pol Martín Tiffon (ESP) vs Carlos Taberner [5] (ESP)**
- **Elmer Moller [4][SE] (DEN) vs Lukas Neumayer (AUT)**

Doubles drama: experience, flair and clinical finishes

The doubles draw also took a decisive turn, with four teams booking their place in the semi-finals. Italian wildcards **Andrea and Matteo Vavassori** were ruthless in dispatching the Czech pair **Barnat/Duda** in straight sets (6-4, 6-1).

Benjamin Hassan (LBN) and **Sebastian Ofner** (AUT) continued their fine form with a hard-fought win over **Poonacha/Martos Gornes** (6-4, 5-7, 10-5), making it a double celebration for **Ofner**.

Spaniards **Daniel Rincón and Oriol Roca Batalla** produced a convincing performance to defeat second seeds **Ingildsen/Stevenson** 6-3, 7-6(5), blending solid net play with sharp baseline work.

Closing the day's action were the third seeds, **Daniel Cukierman** (ISR) and **Joshua Paris** (GBR), who overcame **Myneni/Ramanathan** in a three-set thriller (7-5, 6(2)-7, 10-4), marked by momentum shifts and emotional intensity.

Doubles semi-finals confirmed:

- **[WC] A. Vavassori / M. Vavassori vs [3] Cukierman / Paris**
- **Hassan / Ofner vs Rincón / Roca Batalla**

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Friday's schedule promises another thrilling chapter, with the final eight singles players vying for a semi-final spot, and the top four doubles teams battling it out for a place in the final.



Tennis fans can catch the opening two singles quarter-finals live **from 10:00 a.m.** on **ATP Challenger TV, Eurosport Max, Marca TV and Tennis Channel**, ensuring top-tier coverage both nationally and internationally.

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